# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

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FAKE CURRENCY NOTES
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a sharp rise of fake currency notes coming from abroad in Maharashtra particularly in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the number of cases of fake currency notes detected by Custom officials during the last three years and value of fake currency notes seized;

(c) whether recently fake currency notes worth Rs. 50 Lakhs were seized by Revenue Intelligence Bureau at Bombay Airport; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check the Indian agents of fake currency notes in Mumbai?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to make any assessment about the smuggling of fake currency notes. However, the details of cases of fake currency notes detected by Custom officials including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in Maharashtra, during last 3 years, are as under:-

| Year | No. of cases detected | Face value of fake currency notes seized (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1998-99 | NIL | NIL |
| 1999-2000 | NIL | NIL |
| 2000-2001 (up to Feb., 2001) | 3 | 69.47 |

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): All the field formations of Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have been alerted tocollect intelligence in order to thwart any attempt of smuggling of fake currency notes.